MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No, Sir.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know whether the Textile Inspectors are expected to reply such letters within a week?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Yes.

PRESIDENT: You may acquaint your Textile Inspectors that there is a Government Order that every letter should be replied to within a week, and that there will be a fine for every day if they do not reply within a week.

Failure of crops.

506. * MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the causes for the failure of crops this year; and

(*b*) if so, what remedial measures are proposed to avert a repetition of such a failure?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI (*Assistant Director of Agriculture in charge*): (*a*) Yes, as far as investigations have disclosed them.

(*b*) Arrangements are being made for restoration and extension of minor irrigation works sinking of wells etc., for extension of lift irrigation and for supply of manures.

Cattle.

507. * MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many quotas of cattle were allowed into Travancore in the year 1121 and on what dates;

(*b*) the number in each quota of the different kinds of cattle;

(*c*) how they were distributed; and

(*d*) to give the list of persons to whom were allottted the cattle along with the number and kind of cattle allowed to each of them and on what dates?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI (*a*) One quota for January and February 1946 was allowed to move in Medom 1121.

(*b*) 200 animals—as detailed below:—

	Work bullocks or buffaloes.	*Milk-animals cows or she-buffaloes.*	*Total.*
1. Tinnevelly District	42	18	60
2. Madura District	50	20	70
3. Coimbatore District	50	20	70
Total	142	58	200

(*c*) They were distributed on a regional basis.

(*d*) A statement containing the information is placed on the Secretary's table.

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MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Meenachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): May I know whether all these cattles have been distributed among the public?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know the number of cattle allotted to Parur taluk from among these 200?

MR T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: The statement is laid on the table.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the member is aware of the number of cattle supplied to the Parur taluk?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: I claim notice.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Of the 200 cattle, was any supplied to Trivandrum or Neyyattinkara taluk?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the number?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: Details are furnished in the statement.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know on what basis this distribution is made?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: Distribution is made on a regional basis.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Apart from the regional basis, is there any condition subject to which cattle are distributed?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: They are distributed mostly to the cultivators.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I want to ask on what basis really the distribution is made, either in consultation with the representatives of the people or whether it depends on the sweet will and pleasure of the Head of the Department?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: Allotment was made according to the needs of the particular areas.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: That again is an evasive answer. I want to know on what basis these are ascertained?

PRESIDENT: What does the honourable member suggest?

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Sir, I wanted to know whether it is going to be distributed throughout the State or.....

PRESIDENT: It must be left to the Head of the Department. He will be distributing it according to the needs of the various localities in the whole State. Obviously I can see myself that none of the cattle have gone to Parur, although the honourable member wants notice. He does not know whether any cattle has been allotted to Parur. It is, however, clear that Trivandrum and Neyyattinkara have got their quota, and Parur has not got any.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know whether hereafter he will take some steps in the matter?

PRESIDENT: Hereafter the Head of the Department should see that localities which are not near to the seat of the Government having their needs met. Government should take more care to see that instructions are given in the matter. Instructions will be carried out by the Head of the Department.

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MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know whether all these cattle have been imported into the State?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: As far as my knowledge goes they have been brought into the State.

Agricultural Department.

508. * MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Agricultural Department conducts any model farm anywhere in the State under its sole guidance and responsibility;

(*b*) whether the farm, if any, has all kinds of agricultural activities, such as preparation of compost manure, cattle rearing etc.;

(*c*) whether any manure is purchased for the farm from outside;

(*d*) whether an account is kept under each variety of cultivation of the yield per acre per year; and

(*e*) whether equipments have been made for ascertaining whether their compost manure is superior or not to the municipal compost manure?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: (*a*) The Agricultural Department conducts Experimental Farms.

(*b*) Each farm is meant for the experimental cultivation of crops which are most popularly grown in the locality concerned. Compost manure is prepared in some farms. There is no experimental farm for cattle rearing.

(*c*) Manures are purchased for the farm from outside.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The comparative merits of compost manure prepared from different materials are tested in the field.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether all the manure in the State is made available for cultivation and then purchased from outside?

MR T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: I didn't hear the question.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether all the manure that is available in Travancore itself is made use of before any purchase is made from outside?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: Certainly, Sir.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether all the sweep in the Trivandrum City is used for making compost manure?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: Yes.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether sweep is necessary for the manufacture of compost manure?

MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI: Yes, Sir, it is necessary.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether these experimental farms are conducted on Government lands or on lands belonging to individuals?

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